

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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FORWARD/BACKWARD SWITCHING CONTROL

APPARATUS FOR HYDRAULIC DRIVE VEHICLE,

AND CONTROL METHOD

Examiner

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 31, 2005

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed October 1, 2004. The Official action set forth a three-month period for responding, and a petition for a one-month extension of time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before February 1, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth on the following pages.